

ACCORDANCE WITH THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE OF THE BASIN AND THE SIGNATORY PARTIES, IT SHALL BE THE POLICY OF THE COMMISSION TO ENCOURAGE AND COORDINATE THE EFFORTS OF THE SIGNATORY PARTIES TO CONTROL MODIFICATION OF THE RIVER AND ITS TRIBUTARIES BY ENCROACHMENT.

6.3. FLOOD LANDS ACQUISITION. --THE COMMISSION SHALL HAVE POWER TO ACQUIRE THE FEE OR ANY LESSER INTEREST IN LANDS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON WITHIN THE AREA OF A FLOOD PLAIN FOR THE PURPOSE OF REGULATING THE USE OR TYPES OF CONSTRUCTION OF SUCH PROPERTY TO MINIMIZE THE FLOOD HAZARD, CONVERT THE PROPERTY TO USES OR TYPES OF CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATE TO FLOOD PLAIN CONDITIONS, OR PREVENT CONSTRUCTIONS OR OBSTRUCTIONS THAT REDUCE THE ABILITY OF THE RIVER CHANNEL AND FLOOD PLAIN TO CARRY FLOOD WATER.

6.4. EXISTING STRUCTURES. --NO RULE OR REGULATION ISSUED BY THE COMMISSION PURSUANT TO THIS SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO REQUIRE THE DEMOLITION, REMOVAL, OR ALTERATION OF ANY STRUCTURE IN PLACE OR UNDER CONSTRUCTION PRIOR TO THE ISSUANCE THEREOF, WITHOUT THE PAYMENT OF JUST COMPENSATION THEREFOR. HOWEVER, NEW CONSTRUCTION OR ANY ADDITION TO OR ALTERATION IN ANY EXISTING STRUCTURE MADE OR COMMENCED SUBSEQUENT TO THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH RULE OR REGULATION, OR AMENDMENT, SHALL CONFORM THERETO.

6.5. POLICE POWERS. --THE REGULATION OF USE OF FLOOD PLAIN LANDS IS WITHIN THE POLICE POWERS OF THE SIGNATORY STATES FOR THE PROTECTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE SAFETY OF THE PEOPLE AND THEIR PROPERTY AND SHALL NOT BE DEEMED A TAKING OF LAND OR LANDS FOR WHICH COMPENSATION SHALL BE PAID TO THE OWNERS THEREOF.

6.6. COOPERATION. --EACH OF THE SIGNATORY PARTIES AGREES TO CONTROL FLOOD PLAIN USE ALONG AND ENCROACHMENT UPON THE SUSQUEHANNA AND ITS TRIBUTARIES AND TO COOPERATE FAITHFULLY IN THESE RESPECTS.

6.7. OTHER AUTHORITY. --NOTHING IN THIS ARTICLE SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO PREVENT OR IN ANY WAY TO LIMIT THE POWER OF ANY SIGNATORY PARTY, OR ANY AGENCY OR SUBDIVISION THEREOF, TO ISSUE OR ADOPT AND ENFORCE ANY REQUIREMENT OR REQUIREMENTS WITH RESPECT TO FLOOD PLAIN USE OR CONSTRUCTION THEREON MORE STRINGENT THAN THE RULES, REGULATIONS, OR ENCROACHMENT LINES IN FORCE PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE. THE COMMISSION MAY APPEAR IN ANY COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION TO BRING